

Goose Creek Recreation Commission Meeting

April 3rd, 2023

6:00PM

Present:

- Commission: Chairman Jerry Glass, Lynn Greer, Milton Terre, Jeff Reuer
- Staff: Crystal Reed, Arielle Mann
- Public: Ryan Agostinelli, Gary Semon

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Jerry Glass.

Public comments: N/A

Suspend business of meeting until opportunity to interview guests applying for Commissioner seat.

Interviews:

Applicant – Gary Semon

1. Where do you live?
 - Pandora Drive – qualifies for the seat that is open.
2. Perception of what Goose Creek Recreation Commission is responsible for?
 - Voting body that looks up agenda of classes, what happens for recreational activities, future plans for parks, playgrounds.
3. How long have you lived in Goose Creek?
 - 5 years
4. Do you have any kids that participate in Recreation?
 - Yes, during the Summer.
5. Do you know of any amenities that may be useful to the Recreation Commission that we do not offer at this time?
 - The amenities are very good. Rec Center is a great place for people to come in, weight machines, new park with Splash Creek... there is a lot of well-rounded amenities.
6. Where do you work?
 - Warehouse manager is Ladson, SC
7. Would you be opposed to a background check?
 - No
8. Would you be able to provide references?
 - Yes
9. Why do you want to be on the commission?
 - Wants to be able to come out and help the people in the district, is there some places that need a spruce up, getting people to join in. Would like to be one of those voices that helps do.
10. Are you able to attend the meetings once a month on the first Monday of each month?
 - Yes

Applicant - Ryan Agostinelli

Born and raised in Northwood Estates, after college, spent a year in Summerville,

1. Where do you live?
 - 137 Hickory Trace Drive, Goose Creek, SC 29445
2. Perception of what Goose Creek Recreation Commission is responsible for?
 - Special Tax District, Commission is responsible for that district, works with department to oversee the management of facilities, representation of what the community wants from the Recreation Commission. Would like to expand that more. This building a significant achievement. Big advocate of therapeutic sports, modify existing pool, or continue with phase 3 (original plans) of this building.
3. How long have you lived here?
 - Lived here since 1996 27 -years
4. What other improvements do you have ideas about to offer?
 - Greenville has mini-golf facilities.
 - Additional hiking and biking trails.
 - Making this a place where people stay for Recreation.
 - Implementing 5Ks
5. Any problem with background checks?
 - No
6. Any problem with offering references?
 - No
7. Are you able to attend the scheduled meetings?
 - Yes
8. Where do you work?
 - Apollon Wealth Management
9. Do you have any kids that participate in Recreation?
 - Yes, his boys grew up in Recreation
10. Why do you want to be on the Commission?
 - Interest in volunteering and supporting the community
 - Be more engaged in department and commission.

Minutes:

- Comment on previous minutes mention by Ryan Agostinelli:
 - Parcel at Carnes Crossroads that incorporated Recreation. That information has feathered into the development there.
 - Chairman Glass commented: Always remember where we came from. There were long negotiations regarding district gave up all playgrounds to the City of Goose Creek. Now, the City has control, but that deed has a restriction – it can only be used for recreation and can never be sold without approval of Goose Creek Recreation. Negotiated with City for the best interest of the district. Extended term for 25 years.

- Chairman Glass asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 6th 2023 meeting.
 - Motion was granted by Commissioner Jeff Reuer
 - Motion was seconded by Commissioner Milton Terre
 - All in favor, motion carried.

Financial Reports:

- No surprises, everything looks good so far. Getting better with staffing. Balanced budget.
- Hiring park 4 park attendants and one maintenance staff to keep up with overseeing the park.
- Maintenance – everything is coming in very high.
- Adding a dog park to Lake Greenview – budgeted \$14,000, coming in at \$25,000
- Everything is a little more expensive.
- Foster Creek
- \$17,000 expense budget for Tennis: Contracted amount.

- Chairman Glass asked for a motion to approve the financial reports for March 2023.
 - Motion was granted by Commissioner Lynn Greer
 - Seconded by Commissioner Milton Terre
 - All in favor, motion carried

Introductions:

New business:

- Parks/Maintenance/Recreation Report:
 - Looking at moving the office at Felkel Field. Moving equipment to the shed.
 - Looking at McCants – old batting cages: moving the offices into that space. (What used to be Cooper’s Park – built by the contract that was using Dennis Park for Baseball games. Private sector that was trying to set up travel ball.)
 - Busy all preseason getting fields ready.
 - Baseball and soccer started. Uniforms came in on time. Looking at changing contractor for uniforms.
 - Summer Basketball Registration opened today.
 - New Athletic Coordinator – Grad Student Basketball coach
 - Soccer, Basketball, Pickleball
 - Super Senior Olympics
 - Keep trying different things
 - Past Saturday – Huge Easter Egg Event @ Dogwood
 - 12,000 Eggs
 - Moved Therapeutic East Egg Hunt into the gym
 - Getting ready for Spring Concert on Friday – moved to Central Creek Park.
 - Looking at having it back at Crowfield
 - Cultural Arts Commission having Art Walk

- Splash Creek Grand Opening
 - Checking with vendors, watching the weather, deciding if we are still opening those dates.
- Extended side parking lot by 50 spaces.
- Planning ahead, we know growth is here.
- June is budget season for proposals for next year.
- Everyone needs an opportunity for Recreation.
- Skate park, shuffle board, disc golf, etc.
- Continuing to move in a positive direction.
- We apply for and receive grants to use towards some of these things.
- Grants: goals – re-do the playground at Lake Greenview. We can't forget about the pocket parks.
- Quick update from Lynn Greer: Last summer, took 10 year old granddaughter on tour of the parks. She was here 2 weeks ago, new park got a 10++++!
- Gymnastics Report: huge waitlist number. We are the most affordable gymnastics center in the area. Ranked #2 in the state. Sending 20 girls to Regionals in Florida. Team is crushing it with being understaffed and underpaid in relation to the market around us.
- We changed the Gymnastics program to 6 months, so there is a turnover to a new season.
- Gymnastics has far exceeding any other activity, outgrowing itself.
- Working to get our frontline staff to competitive pay rates.
- Chairman Glass: observation – likes the report, especially the pictures!
 - BMX show at Carnes
 - Skate park option has been coming up
- Scavengers hunts, Pie Day, Art in the Park. Giving people opportunity to be outside.

Public Comments:

No closing public comments.

Questions:

No questions.

Additional Business:

- Interviewees dismissed.
- Making decision, cast votes by secret ballot.
- Select 1 of the 2 to be recommended for the City seat on the Commission.
- Unanimous decision: Ryan Agostinelli

Adjournment:

- Chairman Glass asked for a motion to close the meeting at 7:45PM
- The motion was granted by Commissioner Milton Terre
- The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jeff Reuer

- All in favor.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Monday, May 1st, 2023 at 6:00PM

Minutes approved for April 3rd, 2023